

## REMARKS

The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2006. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Group II: Claim 21-35, and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

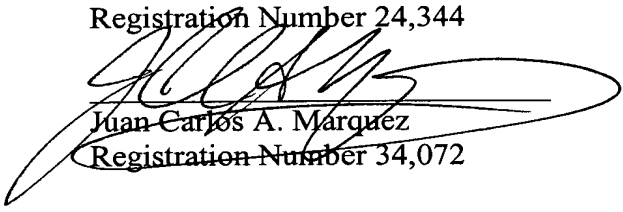
New claims 32-35 are being added to recite other embodiments described in the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Group II: Claim 21-35 directed to a semiconductor integrated circuit device (257/296) is being elected for this application. The non-elected group and claims are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on any or all of the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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